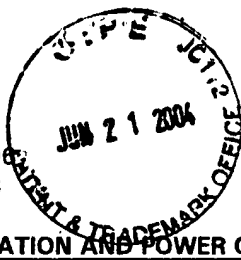


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I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent sought on the invention entitled:

**COMBINED STABILIZATION BRACKET AND MINE SYSTEM FOR GATHERING UNDERSEA DATA**, the specification of which is enclosed.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a).

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